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14 FEBRUARY 2021 – YEAR (B) SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him... And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. (Mark 1:41-42)

We continue to read from the opening chapter of the Gospel of Mark, and once again we are told about a healing worked by Jesus. This time it is the healing of a leper. In his desperation the leper violates the rules about keeping away from people. When our text says that Jesus 'felt sorry for him' this points to the deep compassion of the loving God. What is perhaps most remarkable about this miracle is that 'Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him'. Our first reading from the Book of



Leviticus tells how lepers used to be taken to a priest and formally declared to be 'unclean'. They were banished and had to live apart. This was still the practice in Jesus' day. Jesus' attitude is completely different. He is not afraid to violate the law by reaching out and touching the leper. In this way Jesus challenges the rules about what is 'clean', and what is 'unclean'. In this miracle story it is by his touch and a simple word of command that Jesus heals the man. Perhaps surprisingly Jesus then orders the healed man to comply with the law by going to a priest and making a thanksgiving offering for his recovery. Jesus orders the man to tell nobody about his healing. This is a rather curious feature of the gospel, which shows that Jesus did not want popularity and was anxious that his work should not be misunderstood. What does Jesus' acceptance of the leper teach us? How do I try to reach out to those who are rejected by society? Let us pray for a spirit of compassion and understanding. Let us share the healed man's enthusiasm to make known the goodness of God.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46



The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 31(32):1-6

R. You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **R.**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,**

so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again. .*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.*

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

ASH WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 17th February.

- It is a day of prayer, fasting and abstinence
- Ashes will be distributed at all masses.
- Masses are at: *9.30am , 1.30pm, 6.30pm & 8pm*



FAREWELL/ THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR PETER

AUDU: You all are invited to join the parish family on this **Sunday, 14th February at 12:00** for a thanksgiving Mass for the service of Fr Peter to St Boniface family.

GIFT TO FR PETER: If you wish to give a gift to Fr Peter, please take an envelop from the Porch and drop the envelope with your gift in the box provided in the Church. Many thanks.



SACRAMENTS DURING LOCKDOWN: Masses as usual: *9.30am & 6.30pm Monday to Saturday. Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 12:00, 1pm and 6.30pm.*

We are allowed to have funerals, baptisms and Wedding. Please contact the parish office to find out more about these sacraments.

NHS COVID-19 VACCINATION: Vaccination at the hall has been started. Anyone who are 70plus and not yet received the vaccine, can take the vaccine even you haven't received a letter from NHS. Vaccination is only by appointment, you can book an appointment by online or phone Pearl Chemist at 020 8672 2157.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Please drop your envelopes/offering in the offering boxes which can be found at the entrance and exits or use the card machines at the back of the Church.

CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID: We have two card terminals to make your offering. **YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THOUGH THE FRONT DOORS.** You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, please follow the instructions at the terminals. Thanks for using the facility.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please come and pray STATION OF THE CROSS on every Friday in Lent, starts this Friday 19th at 7pm in the Church. It will be live streamed.



PARISH OPEN HOUSE: Parish Open House WILL RESUME ON FRIDAY 26TH February 4-6pm. For urgent matters until then, please contact the parish office.

NOVENA & MASS OF ST JOSEPH: In this year of St Joseph, we shall pray to St Joseph for the world, our parish and family through a *Mass of St Joseph & Novena on Wednesdays*. Novena will be prayed after both morning & evening Masses.

BAPTISM PROGRAMME: Since we are in lockdown, there will not be any baptism programme in January. The next programme is on Monday 22nd February. Those who wish to have their child baptised, please contact the parish office.

CONFESSIONS: *Saturdays 10.30am to 11.30am*

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: 9.30am Mon– Sat and Sun 12:00.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Programme will start on **Saturday 24th April at 9.50am** in the Parish Hall. All the parents (ONLY) are requested to attend a meeting on **Saturday 20th March at 9.50am in the Parish Hall.**

CONFIRMATION: Due to lockdown and Covid-19 situation, Confirmation programme will not start on Saturday 6th February. *The new start date for the programme is now Saturday 24th April at 11.15am.*

PARENTS MEETING OF THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES *is on Saturday 20th March at 11am in the parish hall.*

RCIA: No session during lockdown. The next session is Monday 22nd February at 7.15pm

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am. Unfortunately, regulation won't allow us to have confessions in the confessional. So the confessions will be at the Our Lady Chapel area. **Please note the time change.**

SHALOM ONLINE RETREAT: Shalom Europe is having an online retreat on February 27 & 28 at 2pm-4.30pm. You have to book, if you wish to join the retreat. For registration and more information can be found at : shalommedia.org/retreat

RECENTLY DIED: We offer our prayers for Elsie Scully, Deborah Peberdy, Brendan Kelly, Lawrence (Dessy) Hanney, Herminia Okeke, Vimalda Sebamalaimuthu, Joyce D'Silva, Martha Pinto and Ellen Bolger who died recently. May they rest in peace!

Funerals of: *Ellen on Wednesday 17 Feb at 11:45, Vemalda on Monday 15th Feb at 11:30, Elsie on Friday 19th Feb at 1.15pm, Deborah on Thursday 25th Feb at 10.15am, Brendan on Tuesday 2nd March at 12:30, Joyce on Mon 8th March at 12:30 & Martha on Wednesday 17th March.*

NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come for a parish open house which is every Friday 4pm-6pm.

HOSPITAL VISITS: A Catholic Priest is available for patients, staff & Visitors to St. George's Hospital, Fr. Mark Higgins, on 0208 725 3069. Messages can be left. In emergencies phone the switchboard on 020 8672 1255 to page the Catholic Priest, who can be reached 24/7.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Helena O'Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Beverley King, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Eli Lee Roberts.

Death Anniversaries: Anthony Escrader, John Hartigan, Sandra Bushell, Felsy Massey, Jane Inez, Aidan Bird, Michael Coffey, Vijay Singh, Christopher Collins, Mary Marriott, Bernard Mooney, Elsie Doherty, Lambert Pierre, Merton Chang, Doris Andrews, Ray Holmes and Andrew Logan.

May they rest in peace – Amen.

	13th & 14th February	20th & 21st February
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat 18.30	Jim Russell	Doris Cubero
09.00	Angus Xavier	Andrea Mango
10.30	Francis Ikpoh	Anastasia Ogbonna
12.00	Mikhelaela Dayaday	Ann Mary Kuriakose
13:00	Ian Johnson	Deuwayne Ikpoh
18.30	Ivon Kandiah	Remija Mponzi
Cleaning Rota:	Wk3: Mon 14th Feb @ 10am	Wk4: Mon 22nd Feb @ 7pm

<u>Sunday 14th February</u> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 18:30	Dave Duncan Rose Cunnane, RIP Mungul Union Con Clerkin Jean Short, RIP/ Rev Ratnapala, RIP
Monday 15th February Funeral Feria	09:30 12:30 18:30	Joseph Puchamkulam, RIP Vemalda Sebamaliamuthu Denis & Hazel Lockwood, RIP
Tuesday 16th February VOTIVE OF ST ANTHONY	09:30 18:30	Louise & Glen Cresswell Joanito Rosario Fernandes, RIP
Wednesday 17th February ASH WEDNESDAY A Day of Fasting & Abstinence	09:30 11:45 13:30 18:30 20:00	Rachel McGrath Funeral: Ellen Bolger People of the Parish Fr Michael Gwimmell Holy Souls
Thursday 18th February Lent	09:30 18:30	Polycarp Fernandes, RIP Eileen Spencer & Claudia Peppin, RIP
Friday 19th February Our Lady of Lourdes Funeral Lent	09:30 13:15 18:30	Theresa Lawrence, RIP Mary warren, RIP Elsie Scully Custodio Dias, RIP
Saturday 20th February The Blessed Virgin Mary	09:30 18:30	Eileen Hogan B/D For the people of the parish
<u>Sunday 21st February</u> First Sunday of Lent	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 18:30	November Altar List Tom Kelly, RIP Theodore & Domingue Flys Hugh Walsh, RIP Harry Fizzoferro, RIP

All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.

Parish Open House Closed

Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 18th February.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sat: 10.30am – 11.30pm

Holy Hour
First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm

Adoration & Morning Prayer
Monday - Saturday: 9am
Holy Hour on First Friday
5.15pm – 6.15 pm

Novena to St Anthony
Tuesday: 10am & 7pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Friday: 10am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Saturday: 10am